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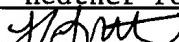
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09/774,814	01/30/2001	Olivier Ballevre	112701-136	2493

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING THE SYNTHESIS OF MUCINS

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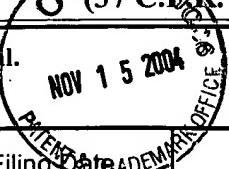
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Invention:

**METHOD FOR MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING THE SYNTHESIS OF MUCINS**

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